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Application No.

: 10/651,851

Confirmation No.: 8124

Applicants

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: August 29, 2003

Title

: METHODS FOR CONTROLLING THE INTERNAL

: CIRCUMFERENCE OF AN ANATOMIC ORIFICE OR LUMEN

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: 3738

Examiner Docket No.

: Thomas Sweet : 28099-0005

Customer No.

: 24633

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed <u>July 11, 2006</u>, in the above-identified application.

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Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

Total Months Requested	Fee for <u>Extension</u>	Fee for Small Entity		
one month two month three month four month	\$ 120.00 \$ 450.00 \$ 1020.00 \$ 1590.00	\$ 60.00 \$ 225.00 \$ 510.00 \$ 795.00		
five month	\$ 2160.00	\$ 1080.00		

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$510.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefore.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	22	MINUS	22	= 0	x 50/25 =	\$ 0.00
INDEP.	2	MINUS	4	= 0	x 100/200 =	\$ 0.00
Extension of Time for Three (3) Months (Small Entity)				\$ 510.00		
					TOTAL	\$ 510.00

	No additional fee is required.
\boxtimes	A check in the amount of \$\sum_{0.00}\$ is attached.
	Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-1349 the amount of \$120.00.
\boxtimes	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1349.
	Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
	Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 11, 2006, the period for response being extended by the Petition for Three Month Extension attached hereto, Applicants respectfully request amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Applicants submit that the present application now stands in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all claims in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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